



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideyuki KURITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2827

Application No.: 09/936,359

Examiner: T. Dinh

Filed: January 2, 2002

Docket No.: 110609

For: FLEXIBLE PRINTED WIRING BOARD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002, the period for the reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please correct Figures 6 and 7 as set forth in the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached hereto.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. By this Amendment, the Drawings and Abstract are corrected.

I. Withdrawing will Satisfy all Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to Figures 6 and 7. Figures 6 and 7 are corrected by the attached Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. The Specification Satisfies all Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the Abstract. The Abstract is amended to obviate this objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-3, 5, 9-11 and presumably claim 6, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,395,993 to Nakamura et al. and claims 4, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Nakamura in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,950,527 to Yamada. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

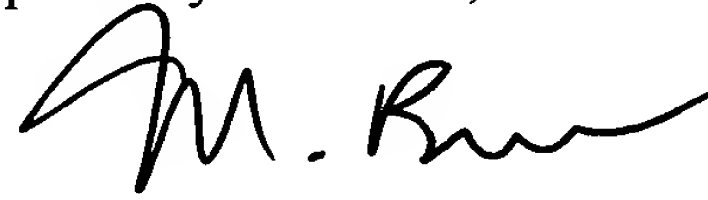
Nakamura has a filing date of September 28, 2000. Applicants claim a priority date of January 25, 2000. Therefore, Nakamura is not prior art to the application. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections
Substitute Abstract
Appendix

Date: November 19, 2002

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